GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2202 TO BE ANSWERED ON 22NDMARCH, 2022

WAIVER OF CGHS CARD FEES FOR RETIRED GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES

2202 # SHRI P. BHATTACHARYA:

Will the Minister of **HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE** be pleased to state: -

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government charges a hefty lump sum amount from the Central Government employees for making CGHS card on their superannuation;
- (b) if so, the amount that is being charged and the reasons for not providing CGHS card free of cost even after serving for many years in Government service;
- (c) whether Government proposes to waive off the amount charged for CGHS card on the retirement of Central Government employees; and
- (d) if so, by when and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. BHARATI PRAVIN PAWAR)

(a) to (d): Central Government Health Scheme (CGHS) is a subscription based scheme. Both serving Central Government servants and pensioners have to pay the prescribed subscription to avail healthcare services under the Scheme. Central Government pensioners have the option to pay subscription according to his/ her pay level at the time of retirement either annually or in lump sum for ten years' period for issue of life time CGHS card. Current rates of annual subscription for pensioners are as under: -

Pay level	Contribution per annum (in Rupees)
1-5	3,000
6	5,400
7-11	7,800
12 and above	12,000